



Louisa LaGrotto

2006 Indiana Teacher of the Year

"The rewards of teaching are innumerable if the eyes and heart are open."

- Louisa LaGrotto

What others are saying.....

"Louisa teaches much more than the Spanish language . . . she teaches children. Excellence, passion, dedication, and belief are the qualities I observe in her classroom."

- Linda Lawrence, principal, Westlane Middle School

"Louisa is a teacher who is very passionate about her profession, and she cares about her students. I think that is one of the reasons she is such a successful teacher...because the students know she cares about them."

- Joe Erne, director of human resources, MSD Washington Township

"Her ability to work successfully with students of various academic levels and abilities separates Louisa from other very good teachers. She demonstrates excellence in all facets of effective instructional practices."

- Eugene White, former superintendent, MSD Washington Township

What Louisa has to say.....

"With the demands of accountability, No Child Left Behind, and public scrutiny, many of us become obsessed and see these as our major issues. We have just one issue, one purpose... our teaching and learning and the need for enduring integrity as educators."

"Those who enter the profession must embrace teaching and learning and be prepared to go to whatever length necessary to teach their students."

"As our students come to us from many varying backgrounds, we must, as educators, meet them where they are socially, intellectually, and emotionally."



School:	Westlane Middle School MSD Washington Township
Experience:	15 years
Level:	Grades 6-8
Education:	Indiana University M.A.T., Spanish and Education Bachelor of Arts, Spanish

Awards

- June 2005 – MSD Washington Township Teacher of the Year
- May 2005 – Westlane Middle School Teacher of the Year
- Nov. 2003 – Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association's Foreign Language Teacher of the Year
- June 2003 – Superintendent's Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
- May 2003 – Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Spanish Teacher of the Year in Grades K-8
- Aug. 2000 – Honoree for the Excellence in Education Award – Christel DeHaan Family Foundation
- May 1998 – Superintendent's Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in First Place finish in the 1998 State Spanish Contest